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INTRODUCTION

Uruguay Round Concluded

The first Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (popularly known as the Standards Code) was negotiated and accepted during the Tokyo Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations in the 1970's. The purpose of the Agreement was to eliminate the use of standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures as unnecessary barriers to trade. The trade negotiations were held under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

In 1986, a second round of negotiations, called "the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations", began and resulted in a revised Agreement. The negotiations formally concluded on April 15, 1994 with an executive signing in Marrakesh, Morocco. The Uruguay Round also created a new institution as a successor to the GATT - the World Trade Organization (WTO), which will become effective January 1, 1995. It is the responsibility of participating countries to secure domestic approval of the results of the Uruguay Round by July 1, 1995. The WTO will require, for the first time, the full participation of all members in all aspects of the current GATT and the Uruguay Round agreements. As a result, more than 100 countries will apply the Standards Code to their standards activities.

The primary U.S. objectives in the renegotiation of the Code were: 1) to update and expand the Agreement's coverage of procedures for issuing product approval; 2) to fully and explicitly cover standards which reference processes and production methods in order to address issues such as the European Union's (formerly the European Community) ban on the use of growth-promoting hormones; 3) to cover non-governmental regional standards development (particularly in the European Union), including obligations to enhance the transparency of their activities; 4) to improve transparency in bilateral standards-related agreements; and 5) to enhance the ability of a foreign-based laboratory or firm to gain recognition under another country's laboratory accreditation, inspection or quality system registration schemes.

1993 Activities

In 1993, 46 countries were signatories to the Standards Code. Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco and Thailand signed the Agreement in 1993. The former Czechoslovakia split into two separate countries - Czech Republic and Slovak Republic. Thirty-six signatories have actively implemented the Code in their countries. The other signatories have either not: 1) ratified the Agreement; 2) established an inquiry point for standards information; 3) reported any proposed government mandatory regulations (see Table I); or 4) some combination of the foregoing. The Code is administered by the GATT Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland.

After the conclusion of the Tokyo Round, the U.S. Trade Agreements Act of 1979 ratified the United States' accession to the GATT Standards Code. Similar legislation has been prepared to implement the Uruguay Round revisions in 1995. The NIST Office of Standards Services (OSS) is responsible for several provisions relating to the establishment of a U.S. inquiry point¹ and notifications, a standards information center, and a technical office for non-agricultural products.

This report summarizes Standards Code activities conducted by the Standards Code and Information (SCI) Program for calendar year 1993.

INQUIRY POINT

Notifications

Signatories of the Standards Code must notify the GATT Secretariat of all proposed government regulations and conformity assessment procedures that might significantly affect international trade. The Secretariat, in turn, disseminates the notifications to all other signatories. As the official U.S. GATT inquiry point for information on standards and certification activities, SCI notifies the Secretariat of proposed U.S. Federal Government rules that might significantly affect trade. SCI also receives foreign notifications through the GATT Secretariat and disseminates them, along with supplementary information, to appropriate U.S. companies and industry groups. SCI responds to inquiries about foreign and U.S. notifications, provides copies of the proposed regulations, and arranges for fee-supported translations of foreign standards. SCI also assists in developing comments on the impact on U.S. industry of proposed foreign regulations and transmits them to the foreign government concerned.

In 1993 the GATT Secretariat issued 487 notifications. Twenty-seven signatories each reported at least one proposed regulation (see Table II.) Mexico had the most notifications (62). Thirteen other signatories - Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, EC, Finland, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States - each reported 10 or more proposed regulations.

An official in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), based in Geneva, receives notifications from the GATT Secretariat and cables them to the United States. The notifications, all of which are available in English, include the name of the country proposing the regulation; the assigned Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)/Notification number; a brief description of the regulation; and the final date for comments. In order to provide wide access to this information in the United States, all foreign notifications are published in the Commerce Business Daily and several other U.S. publications. SCI maintains a computerized database on all GATT notifications and a telephone GATT hotline where

¹ The Standards Code requires that each signatory provide an inquiry point to answer all requests for information about technical regulations, standards, and rules of conformity assessment.

up-to-date notification information can be obtained. The hotline number is (301) 975-4041.

Proposed U.S. Regulations

All proposed U.S. Government rules (mandatory standards or conformity assessment systems), including proposed revisions, are published in the Federal Register by the responsible Federal agency. SCI staff regularly review the Register to identify those proposed regulations that may potentially affect trade and therefore should be notified to the GATT Secretariat. Notices of these proposals are sent directly to the GATT Secretariat via telefax. Those which adopt international standards may not be reported.

In 1993, 59 proposed U.S. regulations, covering such subjects as food labeling, motor vehicles, ozone depleting substances, x-ray systems and food products, were reported. The originating agencies are shown below. (See Table III for listing of specific products by agency.)

<u>Agency</u>	<u>No. of Notifs.</u>
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (BATF)	3
Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)	1
Dept. of Energy (DOE)	1
Dept. of Transportation (DOT)	1
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	3
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	1
Food & Drug Administration (FDA)	22
Federal Trade Commission (FTC)	4
Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)	1
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin. (NHTSA)	17
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)	<u>5</u>
Total	59

Proposed Foreign Regulations

The GATT Secretariat in 1993 issued 428 notifications from countries other than the United States (see Table IV.) The foreign regulations covered a wide variety of products including terminal equipment, frog legs and crocodile meat, pesticides, animals, appliances, oral snuff, and chemicals.

SCI regularly sends foreign notifications to groups and individuals to serve their information needs and to allow them to disseminate this information to others. SCI sends copies of all foreign notifications to the American National Standards Institute for subsequent publication in its biweekly Standards Action.

Inquiries

SCI responded to 352 domestic and foreign letter and telephone requests for GATT notification information (205 U.S., 147 foreign) in 1993. Many requestors asked for copies of more than one regulation. In addition, a number of requestors asked for general information on the Standards Code. SCI responds to such requests by sending an information package consisting of the latest issue of its newsletter, TBT News; a list of recent foreign notifications, brochures describing the Standards Code, and ordering information for the Commerce Business Daily.

In 1993, the most often requested regulations dealt with telecommunications equipment, ozone-depleting substances, food, chemicals, and electrical appliances. In addition, 620 individuals called the GATT hotline for up-to-date information on foreign notifications.

Translations

Upon request, SCI will ask for the text of proposed foreign regulations which are subject to notification. Signatory countries are required to supply copies of the regulations through their inquiry points. Of the 219 regulations requested and received in 1993, 126 were in languages other than English. SCI coordinates a service to obtain, on request, an English translation of any proposed regulation in a foreign language. The cost of translation is paid by the requestor; if more than one request is received for the same translation, the cost is divided equally among requestors. The cost of a translation is determined by the number of words contained in the document and the per word price charged by the contractor.

STANDARDS INFORMATION

The National Center for Standards and Certification Information (NCSCI) is the national focal point for standards-related information. NCSCI supports GATT inquiry point activities by supplying information concerning both domestic and foreign standards. The information center, established in 1965 and mandated by the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, provides government, industry, and the public with information on standards, technical regulations, certification programs, and related activities that affect trade and commerce.

NCSCI maintains a microform and selective hard copy collection of documentary standards and specifications, test methods, regulations, certification rules, directories, reference books, and special publications. In 1993, NCSCI staff responded to more than 9,500 requests from all over the world on the existence, source, and availability of standards and related documents. Thirty-eight of the 46 signatories contacted the Center for information (see Appendix A.) NCSCI also responds to trade-related queries regarding regulations or other requirements imposed by foreign countries that affect the export of U.S. manufactured products.

In 1993, SCI published and NCSCI distributed the following report:

- o More Questions and Answers on the ISO 9000 Standards Series and Related Issues (NISTIR 5122).

In a related area - the EC 1992 Single Internal Market - NCSCI maintains an EC hotline to report on draft CEN and CENELEC standards and EC directives related to standards which may affect trade. The recorded hotline - (301) 921-4164 - is updated weekly and provides the subject/product areas, document number, and final date for comments. A total of 1,167 calls were received on the hotline during 1993.

NCSCI staff also review the Official Journal of the European Communities to identify proposed standards-related directives. Copies of the directives are sent to the appropriate trade or professional associations for dissemination to and review by their members.

TECHNICAL OFFICE

The Technical Office, established by the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, is responsible for providing technical support related to non-agricultural products². Office functions include: a) participation in standards-related conferences; b) technical assistance to the International Trade Administration of the Department of Commerce and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in developing proposals to enhance the Standards Code; c) preparation of special reports on standards issues; and d) coordination of comments on proposed foreign regulations.

1993 Technical Office activities included:

- o continued participation by office staff in trilateral negotiations with Mexican and Canadian officials to finalize the terms of the standards obligations of the North America Free Trade Agreement;
- o continued work with other Government agencies to inform U.S. industry of EC 1992 standards-related activities;
- o support provided to U.S. agricultural tractor industry by participating in the coordinating committee for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) testing in the United States. In this role, SCI staff provided liaison between OECD and Equipment Manufacturers Institute and the University of Nebraska tractor testing station;

² The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service maintains a technical office for agricultural products and issues.

- o continued standards assistance to Saudi Arabia with the assignment of a NIST Standards Advisor to work in Saudi Arabia with the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization in its ongoing program on standards development;
- o numerous presentations and speeches made by technical office staff regarding standards and international activities; and
- o provided NIST liaison with the Industry Functional Advisory Committee on standards, which advises the government on standards-related policy issues.

Comment Handling

A major objective of the Standards Code is to allow exporters, government agencies, and other interested parties to comment on proposed foreign regulations which they believe would impede exports. SCI provides the text of proposed foreign regulations upon request and encourages the submission of comments if a regulation appears to create trade barriers. Industry representatives often become aware of proposed regulations through involvement with their foreign counterparts or subsidiaries and are able to provide informal comments directly to the relevant country.

SCI has established procedures to transmit comments, upon request, from U.S. organizations to appropriate foreign governments and coordinates any follow-up activity. In 1993, SCI received and processed formal comments from U.S. industry and government agencies on two foreign regulations: Canada on tobacco (93.115) and the EC on packaging and packaging waste (92.330). Industries are free to comment directly and often do.

SCI also may handle comments from foreign countries on proposed U.S. technical regulations reported to the GATT Secretariat. SCI staff forward comments to the appropriate U.S. Federal government agency for their consideration. In 1993, comments were received from the following foreign countries on proposed U.S. regulations: 1) from the EC on NHTSA regulation concerning buses (92.361); FDA regulations on bottled water (93.16 and 93.294) and BATF regulation on distilled spirits and wine (93.307); 2) from the Netherlands on BATF regulation concerning distilled spirits and wine (93.437) and USDA regulation on meat and poultry products (93.437); and 3) from Sweden on FDA regulation concerning wine bottles (92.385).

Comment Periods

To allow signatories adequate time to receive the text of a proposed regulation (and to have it translated if necessary), review it, and prepare comments, the Standards Code recommends a comment period of at least 60 days. If the comment period is insufficient (e.g., due to late receipt of an English version or complicated technical issues), the SCI staff will request that the issuing country extend the comment period. In 1993, one such request was made by the United States to a notifying Party and granted. SCI staff also received five requests from

other signatories for extensions of the comment period for proposed U.S. technical regulations.

The average length of the comment period³ in 1993 was 45 days for U.S. regulations and 47 days for foreign regulations. The average length of the comment period allowed by U.S. agencies is as follows:

BATF	64 days	FDA	49 days
CPSC	47 days	FTC	41 days
DOE	81 days	HUD	22 days
DOT	111 days	NHTSA	45 days
EPA	13 days	USDA	32 days
FCC	12 days		

Comment periods for foreign regulations ranged from none at all to 146 days. The average number of days for comment period by country was: Australia - 30; Austria - 25; Belgium - 0; Canada - 53; Chile - 26; Czech Republic - 4; Denmark - 38; EC - 46; Finland - 47; France - 74; Germany - 26; Hong Kong - 47; India - 1; Japan - 67; Korea - 55; Malaysia - 24; Mexico - 43; Netherlands - 48; New Zealand - 51; Norway - 62; Singapore - 14; Slovak Republic - 2; Sweden - 70; Switzerland - 55; United Kingdom - 8; and Yugoslavia - 102.

CONCLUSION

SCI continues to work with U.S. industry to address standards-related trade issues and to assure wide distribution of relevant notifications of proposed foreign regulations which might affect trade. Requests for further information, suggestions on how the service might be made more useful, or comments on subjects covered in this report should be directed to:

Standards Code and Information Program
National Institute of Standards and Technology
TRF Building, Room A163
Gaithersburg, MD 20899
(301) 975-4037
FAX: (301) 926-1559

For specific standards-related information from NCSCI, call (301) 975-4040, -4038, or -4036. For up-to-date information on: 1) proposed foreign regulations, call the GATT Hotline (301) 975-4041 or 2) draft CEN/CENELEC documents, call the EC Hotline (301) 921-4164.

³ Number of calendar days between the date the notification was issued by the GATT Secretariat and the closing date for comments.

TABLE I

STANDARDS CODE SIGNATORIES

Argentina (b)	Korea
Australia	Luxembourg (b)
Austria	Malaysia
Belgium	Mexico
Brazil	Morocco (c)
Canada	Netherlands
Chile	New Zealand
Czech Republic	Norway
Denmark	Pakistan (b)
Egypt (b)	Philippines
European Community (EC)	Portugal (b)
Finland	Romania
France	Rwanda (a) (c)
Federal Republic of Germany	Singapore
Greece (b)	Slovak Republic
Hong Kong	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
India	Switzerland
Indonesia (b)	Thailand (b)
Ireland	Tunisia
Israel	United Kingdom
Italy	United States
Japan	Yugoslavia

(a) - the country has signed the Standards Code but its legislature has not yet ratified it and has not reported any proposed regulations to the GATT Secretariat.

(b) - the country has not reported any proposed regulations to the GATT Secretariat.

(c) - the country has not established an inquiry point for standards information and has not reported any proposed regulations to the GATT Secretariat.

TABLE II
NOTIFYING COUNTRIES AND
NUMBER OF GATT NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED IN 1993

<u>SIGNATORY</u>	<u>NO. OF NOTIFS.</u>
AUSTRALIA	30
AUSTRIA	4
BELGIUM	17
CANADA	41
CHILE	1
CZECH REPUBLIC	6
DENMARK	12
EC	21
FINLAND	27
FRANCE	1
GERMANY	6
HONG KONG	1
INDIA	2
JAPAN	40
KOREA	32
MALAYSIA	3
MEXICO	62
NETHERLANDS	22
NEW ZEALAND	4
NORWAY	43
SINGAPORE	2
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	3
SWEDEN	18
SWITZERLAND	27
UNITED STATES	59
UNITED KINGDOM	1
YUGOSLAVIA	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	487

TABLE III

LIST OF U.S. NOTIFICATIONS

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>TBT/NOTIF. #</u>
BATF (405) *	MALT BEVERAGES	93.143
BATF (406)	MALT BEVERAGES	93.142
BATF (424)	DISTILLED SPIRITS & WINE	93.307
CPSC (391)	CHILDREN'S SLEEPWEAR	93.33
DOE (423)	FURNACES, HEATING EQUIPMENT	93.308
DOT (432)	TANK CARS	93.375
EPA (407)	OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES	93.157
EPA (414)	OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES	93.181
EPA (428)	OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES	93.356
FCC (395)	RADIO SCANNERS	93.52
FDA (385)	WATER, BOTTLED	93.18
FDA (386)	WATER, BOTTLED	93.17
FDA (387)	WATER, BOTTLED	93.16
FDA (389)	FOOD	93.23
FDA (390)	TUNA, CANNED & SOFT DRINKS	93.22
FDA (402)	JUICE BEVERAGES	93.119
FDA (409)	X-RAY SYSTEMS	93.155
FDA (413)	CANS, LEAD SOLDERED	93.177
FDA (417)	DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS	93.225
FDA (418)	DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS	93.224
FDA (419)	DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS	93.223
FDA (420)	CANS, FOOD	93.222
FDA (421)	WATER, BOTTLED	93.294
FDA (422)	FOOD, PACKAGED	93.306
FDA (427)	COSMETIC PRODUCTS	93.325
FDA (431)	WATER, BOTTLED	93.361
FDA (434)	FOOD	93.379
FDA (435)	DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS	93.455
FDA (436)	FOLIC ACID	93.378
FDA (440)	MEDICAL DEVICES	93.457
FDA (442)	FOOD-CONTACT ARTICLES	93.476
FDA (443)	HUMAN TISSUE	93.475
FTC (397)	HEATERS	93.55
FTC (401)	CONSUMER APPLIANCES	93.92
FTC (410)	PLUMBING PRODUCTS	93.165
FTC (438)	LAMPS	93.454
HUD (403)	MANUFACTURED HOMES	93.135
NHTSA (392)	ELECTRIC VEHICLES	93.37
NHTSA (393)	ELECTRIC VEHICLES	93.36
NHTSA (394)	MOTOR VEHICLES	93.35
NHTSA (396)	MOTOR VEHICLES	93.56
NHTSA (398)	TRUCKS, BUSES & PASSENGER VEHICLES	93.81
NHTSA (399)	TRUCKS & BUSES	93.80
NHTSA (400)	BUSES	93.87
NHTSA (404)	CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS	93.144
NHTSA (411)	TRUCKS & BUSES	93.172
NHTSA (412)	MOTOR VEHICLES	93.173
NHTSA (415)	CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS	93.195

NHTSA(425)	RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, CHILD	93.316
NHTSA(426)	TIRES AND RIMS	93.315
NHTSA(429)	AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS	93.355
NHTSA(430)	BRAKE SYSTEMS	93.354
NHTSA(439)	MOTOR VEHICLES	93.458
NHTSA(441)	SCHOOL BUSES	93.466
USDA (388)	MEAT & POULTRY PRODUCTS	93.24
USDA (408)	VETERINARY BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS	93.156
USDA (416)	POULTRY PRODUCTS	93.208
USDA (433)	MEAT & POULTRY PRODUCTS	93.374
USDA (437)	MEAT & POULTRY PRODUCTS	93.437

*CONTROL NUMBER

TABLE IV
LIST OF FOREIGN NOTIFICATIONS

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>TBT/NOTIF.#</u>
AUSTRALIA	MEAT PRODUCTS	93.233
AUSTRALIA	FOODS	93.234
AUSTRALIA	FOOD	93.235
AUSTRALIA	FOOD ITEMS	93.236
AUSTRALIA	EGG PRODUCTS	93.238
AUSTRALIA	FOOD PRODUCTS	93.239
AUSTRALIA	WATER AND ICE, PACKAGED	93.240
AUSTRALIA	FOOD PRODUCTS	93.268
AUSTRALIA	COCOA & COCOA PRODUCTS	93.269
AUSTRALIA	BEVERAGES, ALCOHOLIC	93.270
AUSTRALIA	MEAT, CROCODILE	93.271
AUSTRALIA	SUTURES	93.278
AUSTRALIA	FOOD, RESIDUES	93.279
AUSTRALIA	FOOD, RESIDUES	93.280
AUSTRALIA	ICING & ICING MIXTURES	93.296
AUSTRALIA	FOOD PRODUCTS	93.297
AUSTRALIA	JUICES, FRUIT AND RELATED PRODUCTS	93.298
AUSTRALIA	FOODS, GLUTEN-FREE	93.328
AUSTRALIA	FISH	93.329
AUSTRALIA	FOOD PRODUCTS	93.330
AUSTRALIA	MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	93.331
AUSTRALIA	PREMIXES FOR COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING	93.332
AUSTRALIA	FOODS AND MILK	93.333
AUSTRALIA	COCOA AND COCOA PRODUCTS	93.334
AUSTRALIA	CHEESE	93.335
AUSTRALIA	MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	93.343
AUSTRALIA	WINE AND WINE PRODUCTS	93.344
AUSTRALIA	FOOD PRODUCTS	93.345
AUSTRALIA	FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS	93.446
AUSTRALIA	INTERFACE EQUIPMENT	93.459
AUSTRIA	MOTOR VEHICLES	93.089
AUSTRIA	TIMBER & TIMBER PRODUCTS	93.123
AUSTRIA	PHARMACEUTICAL SPECIALITIES	93.153
AUSTRIA	CALIBRATORS, RADIONUCLIDE	93.174
BELGIUM	ALARM SYSTEMS	93.106
BELGIUM	TELEPHONES, CORDLESS	93.108
BELGIUM	FROGS LEGS	93.114
BELGIUM	FUEL, ALTERNATIVE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES	93.187
BELGIUM	TANKS, COMPRESSED AIR	93.188
BELGIUM	HEADLAMPS, MOTOR VEHICLE	93.259
BELGIUM	PABX	93.281
BELGIUM	PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGES	93.282
BELGIUM	CABLES & WIRES, INSULATED	93.283
BELGIUM	TERMINALS, ANALOG	93.284
BELGIUM	TERMINALS, X.25	93.285
BELGIUM	TELEPHONES, ANALOG	93.286
BELGIUM	PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGES	93.287
BELGIUM	TAXIS	93.353
BELGIUM	WATER, DRINKING	93.467
BELGIUM	PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGES	93.477
BELGIUM	TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	93.478
CANADA	OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES	93.001
CANADA	FOOD	93.002
CANADA	FOODS	93.003
CANADA	FOOD	93.004
CANADA	FOOD	93.005

CANADA	HERBS & BOTANICAL PREPARATIONS	93.006
CANADA	FOOD	93.007
CANADA	FOOD	93.008
CANADA	FOOD	93.009
CANADA	FOOD	93.010
CANADA	TOBACCO PRODUCTS	93.115
CANADA	MOTOR VEHICLES	93.118
CANADA	ANIMAL DRUGS	93.131
CANADA	LIVESTOCK	93.132
CANADA	MOTOR VEHICLES	93.133
CANADA	MOTOR VEHICLES	93.134
CANADA	GASOLINE	93.183
CANADA	FOOD & DRUGS	93.184
CANADA	FOOD & DRUGS	93.185
CANADA	MOBILE SATELLITE SERVICES	93.186
CANADA	RADIO APPARATUS	93.193
CANADA	RADIO APPARATUS	93.194
CANADA	ASBESTOS, MERCURY, PCBS	93.198
CANADA	RADIO APPARATUS	93.199
CANADA	CHEMICALS, AGRICULTURAL	93.206
CANADA	TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT, CELLULAR	93.207
CANADA	SUBSTANCES, NEW	93.209
CANADA	PESTICIDES	93.210
CANADA	BEEES	93.211
CANADA	RADIO APPARATUS	93.212
CANADA	GELLAN GUM	93.245
CANADA	RADIO APPARATUS	93.267
CANADA	FOOD	93.321
CANADA	FOOD	93.322
CANADA	FOOD - PESTICIDE RESIDUES	93.362
CANADA	FOOD - PESTICIDE RESIDUES	93.363
CANADA	FOOD ENZYME	93.364
CANADA	FOOD ADDITIVES	93.365
CANADA	CHEESE, LABELING	93.366
CANADA	TELEVISION	93.388
CANADA	MOTOR VEHICLES	93.473
CHILE	BEEF AND BEEF PRODUCTS	93.462
CZECH REPUBLIC	APPLIANCES, ELECTRICAL HOUSEHOLD	93.111
CZECH REPUBLIC	PACKAGING TRANSPORT	93.112
CZECH REPUBLIC	CIRCUIT BREAKERS	93.113
CZECH REPUBLIC	PLUGS, DOMESTIC AND SOCKET-OUTLETS	93.340
CZECH REPUBLIC	BOTTLES, BABIES	93.393
CZECH REPUBLIC	SLIDE FASTENERS	93.463
DENMARK	SHIPS, OIL SUPPLY	93.027
DENMARK	SCAFFOLDS	93.028
DENMARK	CRAFTS, LIGHT RESCUE	93.120
DENMARK	OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES	93.138
DENMARK	ANTENNA SYSTEMS, COMMUNITY	93.171
DENMARK	MARITIME RADIO SERVICES	93.289
DENMARK	PABXS	93.290
DENMARK	TELEGRAPH EQUIPMENT	93.291
DENMARK	CITIZENS BAND RADIO EQUIPMENT	93.292
DENMARK	RADIO TELEX EQUIPMENT	93.293
DENMARK	EQUIPMENT, ENERGY-CONSUMING	93.464
DENMARK	RADIO EQUIPMENT	93.465
EC	ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	93.011
EC	ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	93.012
EC	TERMINALS	93.068
EC	TERMINALS, GSM	93.069
EC	TERMINALS, GSM	93.070
EC	TERMINALS	93.093
EC	INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, CE MARK	93.099
EC	TERMINALS	93.109
EC	MOTOR VEHICLES	93.148
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NUMBER OF INQUIRIES BY SIGNATORY

Thirty-eight of the 46 signatories to the Standards Code contacted the National Center for Standards and Certification Information for information on proposed or existing U.S. standards and technical regulations. The number in parentheses () indicates the number of inquiries which came from the GATT inquiry points. Many requests come from private companies or individuals.

NUMBER OF INQUIRIES IN 1993							
	Inquiries Originating In	Total (of which from respective Inquiry Points)		Regarding Proposed Rules and Regulations		Regarding Existing Rules and Regulations	
		Rec'd	Answ'd	Rec'd	Answ'd	Rec'd	Answ'd
		<u>Total</u>	<u>315(197)</u>	<u>315(197)</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>147</u>
	Argentina	2	2	0	0	2	2
	Australia	7(2)	7(2)	4	4	3	3
	Austria	4(3)	4(3)	3	3	1	1
	Belgium	4	4	0	0	4	4
	Brazil	7(3)	7(3)	3	3	4	4
	Canada	33(13)	33(13)	1	1	32	32
	Chile	2	2	0	0	2	2
	Czech Republic	5(4)	5(4)	3	3	2	2
	Denmark	6(2)	6(2)	3	3	3	3
	EC	8(8)	8(8)	7	7	1	1
	Egypt	1	1	0	0	1	1
	Finland	24(20)	24(20)	9	9	15	15
	France	6(4)	6(4)	3	3	3	3
	Germany	11(1)	11(1)	1	1	10	10
	Greece	2(1)	2(1)	0	0	2	2
	Hong Kong	14(13)	14(13)	13	13	1	1
	Hungary	2	2	2	2	0	0
	India	13(8)	13(8)	7	7	6	6
	Ireland	1(1)	1(1)	1	1	0	0
	Israel	9(5)	9(5)	0	0	9	9
	Italy	4(1)	4(1)	0	0	4	4
	Japan	1(1)	1(1)	1	1	0	0
	Korea	2(1)	2(1)	1	1	1	1
	Malaysia	4(1)	4(1)	1	1	3	3
	Mexico	19(9)	19(9)	5	5	14	14
	Netherlands	8(6)	8(6)	4	4	4	4
	New Zealand	3(1)	3(1)	1	1	2	2
	Norway	7(6)	7(6)	6	6	1	1
	Philippines	5(5)	5(5)	4	4	1	1
	Portugal	1	1	0	0	1	1
	Singapore	8(6)	8(6)	6	6	2	2
	Slovak Republic	3(3)	3(3)	3	3	0	0
	Spain	13(4)	13(4)	4	4	9	9
	Sweden	24(22)	24(22)	20	20	4	4
	Switzerland	25(21)	25(21)	9	9	16	16
	Tunisia	1(1)	1(1)	1	1	0	0
	United Kingdom	25(20)	25(20)	20	20	5	5
	Yugoslavia	1(1)	1(1)	1	1	0	0



